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**From the GA's**

Graduate Assistants for fall 2020 are (left to right, seated,) **Sarah Parrish, Bailey Conn,** (standing) **James Skinner, Megan Wilson, Phillip Snyder.**

Congratulations to **Megan Wilson**, who graduated in December with MLIS and Youth Services Certificate.

### **Congratulations SLIS Students**

**Eugenie Brignac**, MLIS student, is Library Assistant, Pearl River Community College Forrest County Center Library, Hattiesburg, MS.

MLIS/Archival Certificate student and British Studies alum **Karlie Herndon** was a finalist in the Southern Miss Graduate School Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) competition. She presented her research, "The Victorian Nursery: A Legacy Space."

**Amanda Osborne** was awarded the MLA Peggy May Scholarship, Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, October 13-16, 2020.

**Matthew Phillips**, MLIS student, is Teen Service Specialist, Crossroads Public Library and Chair of the Regional Teen Service Committee, West Georgia Regional Library System.

### **Congratulations SLIS Alums**

**Ariel Jordan** (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2020) is Catalog Librarian, Alcorn State University, Lorman, MS.

**Jaclyn Anderson** (MLIS, 2013), Library Operations Manager, Chattanooga Public Library, accepted the Southeastern Library Association's 2020 Outstanding Program Award on behalf of the Chattanooga Public Library (CPL).

The award acknowledged the Social Work Intern Program at CPL that places an upper-level social work student from the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga (UTC) at the downtown library to provide patrons referrals to local social services.

**Emily Arnold** (MLIS, 2016), Youth Librarian, Scott County Library System, IA, participated in Project READY (Reimagining Equity & Access for Diverse Youth), which focuses on improving services to and resources for youth of color and Native youth.

**Eunice Joseph** (MLIS, 2020) is Branch Coordinator, North Vancouver District Public Library, British Columbia, Canada.

**Corrine Kennedy** (MLIS, 2013) is Library Coordinator, College of Architecture, Art, and Design, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS.

**Taylor LeBlanc** (MLIS, 2020) is Reference Librarian, St. Tammany Parish Public Library, Slidell, LA.

**Rachel McMullen** (MLIS, 2019) is Reference & Youth Services Librarian, Highwood Public Library, Highwood, IL.

**Gloria Zumberge Miller** (MLIS, 1985) is Command Librarian, US Army Futures Command, Aberdeen, MD.

**Rachelle Moore** (MLIS, 2017) is Academic Librarian, Holmes Community College, Grenada, MS.

**Colleen Smith** (MLIS, 2015) is Senior Librarian Manager, Lee County Public Library, FL.

**Janine Whitecotton Smith** (MLIS/Archival Certificate, 2015) is Certified Archivist, Civil District Court, Orleans Parish Notarial Archives Research Center.

**Stevie Evans Thomas** (MLIS, 2017) is Senior Youth Librarian and Youth Services Coordinator, West Florida Public Library System, Pensacola, FL.

### SLIS Student/Alumni Publications

**Carrie Mastley** (MLIS, archival certificate, 2018), MSU manuscripts librarian, Mississippi State University Libraries, published her master's research project, "Information Literacy Instruction and Social Media: A Survey of Mississippi Academic Librarian Attitudes," *Mississippi Libraries*, 83(3), 34-46, 2020.



**Callie Wiygul Branstiter** (MLIS/Archival Certificate, 2014), Learning and Development Specialist, SRI International, Menlo Park, CA, was a featured Graduate Alumni in *Arete: The University of Southern Mississippi Graduate School Magazine* (Winter 2019/20). According to Callie, USM highlights include "a number of practicums as part of my graduate coursework. I completed an internship at the Smithsonian Institutes' Archives of American Art, as well as an internship at USM de Grummond Children's Literature Collection. These practicums helped me get valuable experience under my belt. I also really enjoyed working as a graduate assistant in the School of Library and Information Science" (p. 25).

**Jennifer Ottinger**, MLIS/Archival Certificate student and recipient of a 2020 SLIS Scholarship, completed a practicum at the University of Mississippi transcribing Civil War documents. She is on the ALA's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Assembly and served on the Digital Planning Committee for 2020 Association of Bookmobile & Outreach Services' virtual conference. She is

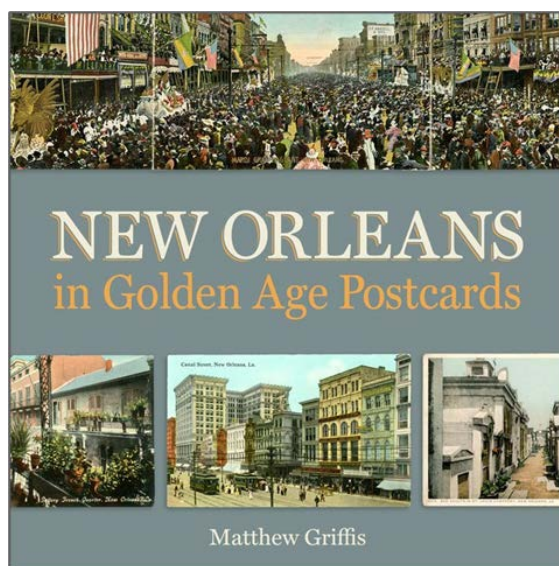
currently working on a project with USM's Special Collections, *What's Cookin' in the Special Collections Department*, highlighting some items in the digital collection, and published, "Using Your Time Wisely," in *Southwestern Archivist*, August 2020.

### SLIS Student/Alumni Presentations

**Marilyn Brissett** (MLIS, 2008), Academic Librarian, University of the Virgin Islands, and **Christine Garrett Davis** (MLIS, 2010), School Librarian, Joseph Sibilly Elementary School, VI, presented "Design It and Do It! Programming with a Purpose after Disasters and Disease," Association of Caribbean University, Research, & Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) Virtual Conference, November 18, 2020.

MLIS student **Martha Kapelewski** presented "Vivian G. Harsh: A Voice from the Past with Lessons for Today," ACRL/NY Annual Symposium, December 4, 2020.

### SLIS Faculty Publications



*New Orleans in Golden Age Postcards*  
**Dr. Matthew Griffis** (Univ. Press of Miss, 2020)

**Dr. Teresa Welsh** (Fall 2020), "SLIS Notes: Telemedicine and Telehealth Resources," *Mississippi Libraries*, 83(3), 54-55.

**Dr. Teresa Welsh** (Winter 2020), "SLIS Notes: Holiday Crafts, Décor, Programming," *Mississippi Libraries*, 83(4), 68-70.